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Article title: LUMINESCENCE STUDIES OF Pr<sup>3+</sup> DOPED  
CHITOSAN BIOCOMPOSITE MATRIX  
THROUGH UV RADIATION INDUCED  
THERMAL STIMULATION

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### STATEMENT OF RETRACTION

Upon a thorough investigation, it has been determined that the paper entitled “Luminescence Studies of Pr<sup>3+</sup> Doped Chitosan Biocomposite Matrix through UV Radiation Induced Thermal Stimulation” by Ravish Kumar, published in the *International Journal of Polymer Analysis and Characterization*, Volume 13, issue 4, pp. 254–268, 2008 is a duplication without attribution of an already published work titled “UV Radiation Induced Thermally Stimulated Luminescence Studies of Pr<sup>3+</sup> Doped Calcium Sulfide Phosphor,” written by Shreyas Pitale, R. N. Dubey, and M. S. Qureshi and published in the Kurukshetra University publication *Advanced Material Science*, 2007, pages 265–271. This work had previously been presented at the National Conference on Recent Advances in Material Science, September 27–29th, 2006, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, India.

A longer version of this work, with the same title, was submitted by Pitale et al. for publication in the *Journal of Alloys and Compounds* on August 8, 2006 (this article was rejected on September 26, 2006).

The comparison of the text of the manuscript submitted to the *Journal of Alloys and Compounds* in 2006 and of the Proceedings of the National Conference on Recent Advances in Material Science, September 2006 and published in *Advanced Material Science*, with the

Kumar article published in the *International Journal of Polymer Analysis and Characterization*, Volume 13, pages 254–268, 2008 yields the following conclusions:

- All observations, results, discussions and scientific language of the article is verbatim to the article submitted to the *Journal of Alloys and Compounds* and the shortened version published in *Advanced Material Science* by Pitale et al. There are slight variations in the article title and reference section.
- The only difference in the text is the name of the material used. The material was changed from Calcium Sulfide to Chitosan Bio-Composite (CaS to CBM).
- All figures and tables are identical to those in the previously published work by Pitale et al.
- The article does not cite Pitale et al. as a source.

As a result, we are retracting the paper authored by Ravish Kumar and published in the *International Journal of Polymer Analysis and Characterization*, Volume 13, pages 254–268, 2008 from the electronic on-line version of this journal and the paper published in the printed version should not be cited anywhere.

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